

# Texas Technology Showcase

*Energy-Efficient Process Technologies and Best Practices*

*Chemical and Refining Industries*

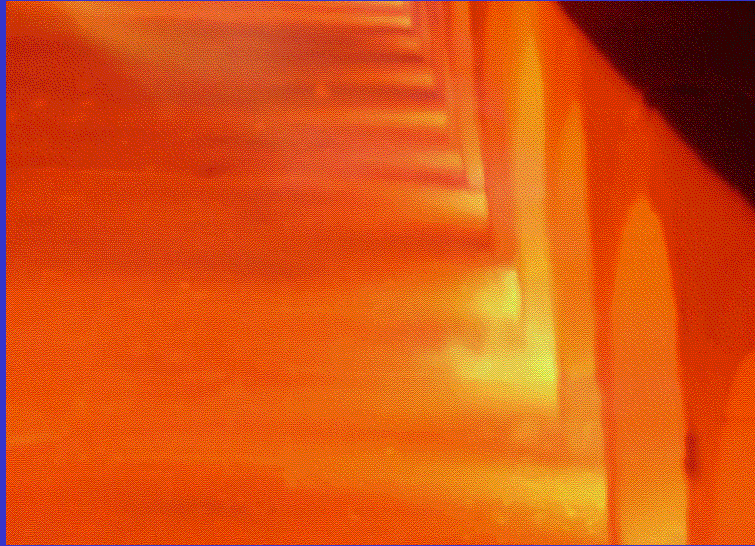
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## **Ultra-Low NO<sub>x</sub> LeanPremix Burners Eliminate SCRs for Process Heaters**

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**What we would  
LIKE to do!**

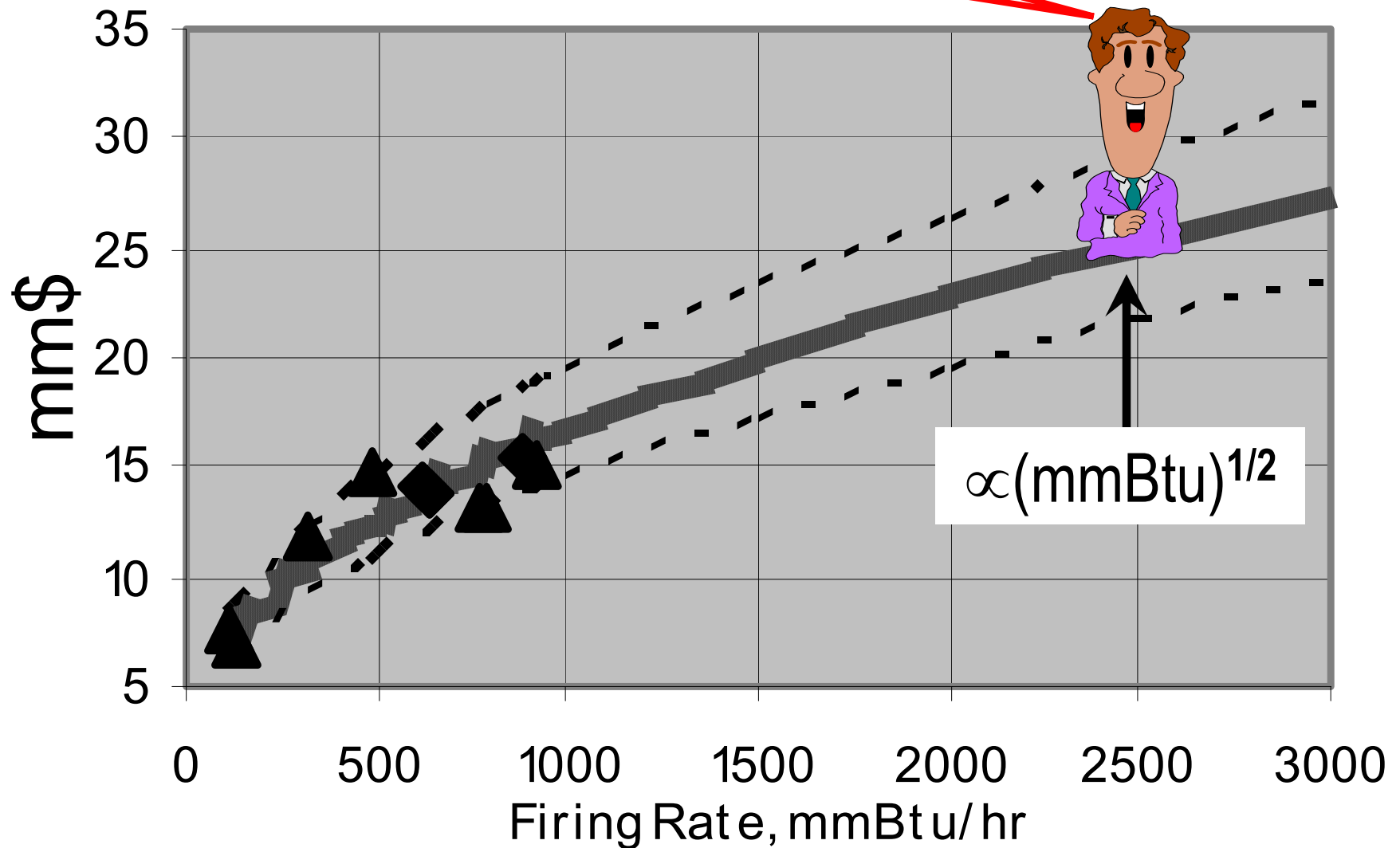


**What we would  
like NOT to do!**

OK, fine, you may *prefer* to do burners,  
but which **SCRs** make the *most* sense?

- Really *BIG* ones ...
- The bigger the better ...
- They're *all* highly effective ...
- But the bigger they are the more cost-effective they become!

**Build really BIG SCRs!**



**Be Safe or ...**



**... I'll KILL you !**





*Pre-lift Safety Talk*















NOx REDUCTION PROJECT  
SCR PACESETTER+  
SAFETY AS A VALUE



TECHNIP





# Why we don't like SCRs too much ...

## It's only money!



... but when we *HAVE* to go for SCR,

**BIGGER is BETTER!**



# **Developing and Retrofitting Ultra Low NOx Burners in a Refinery Furnace**

## **The Skunk Works Approach!**

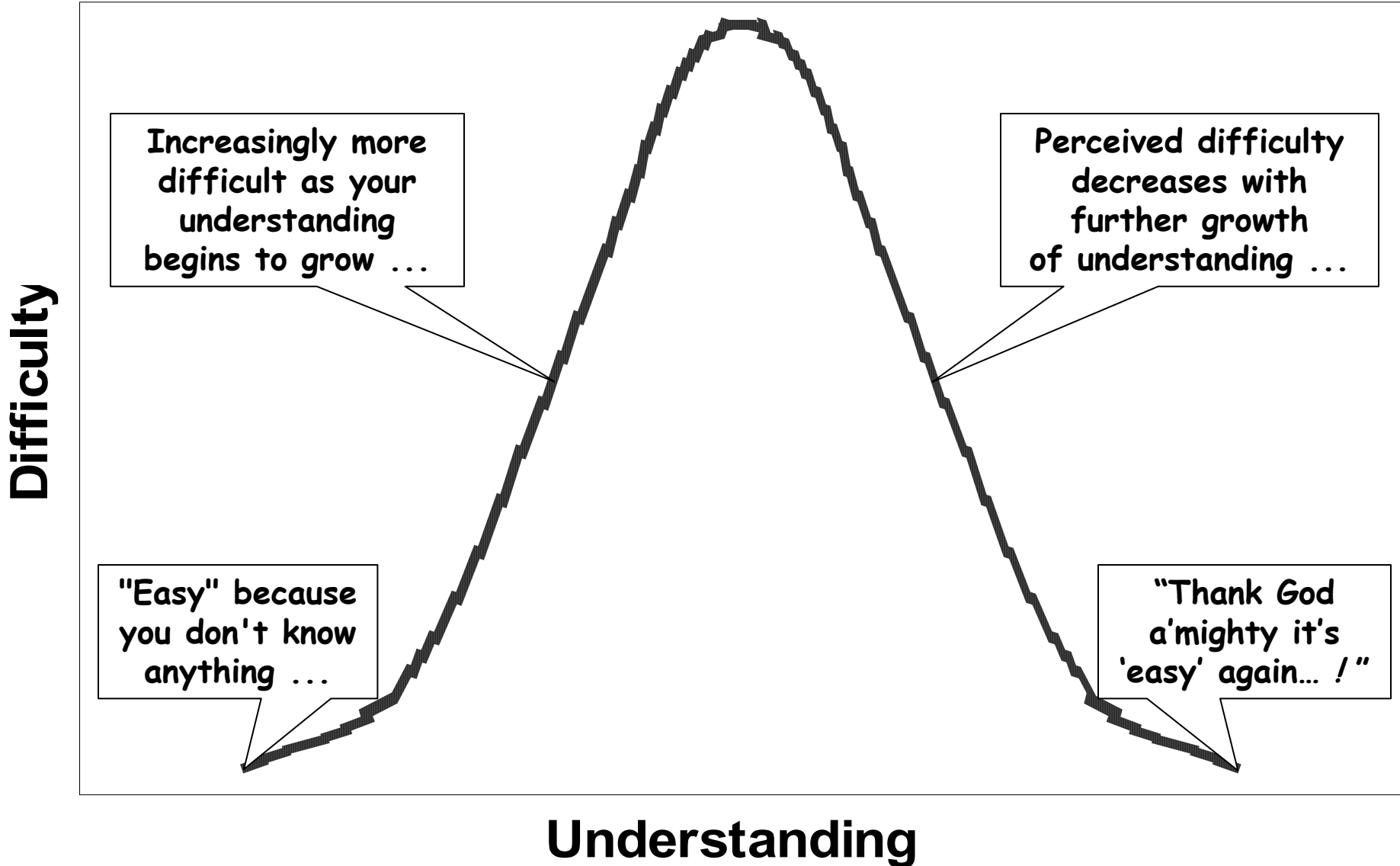


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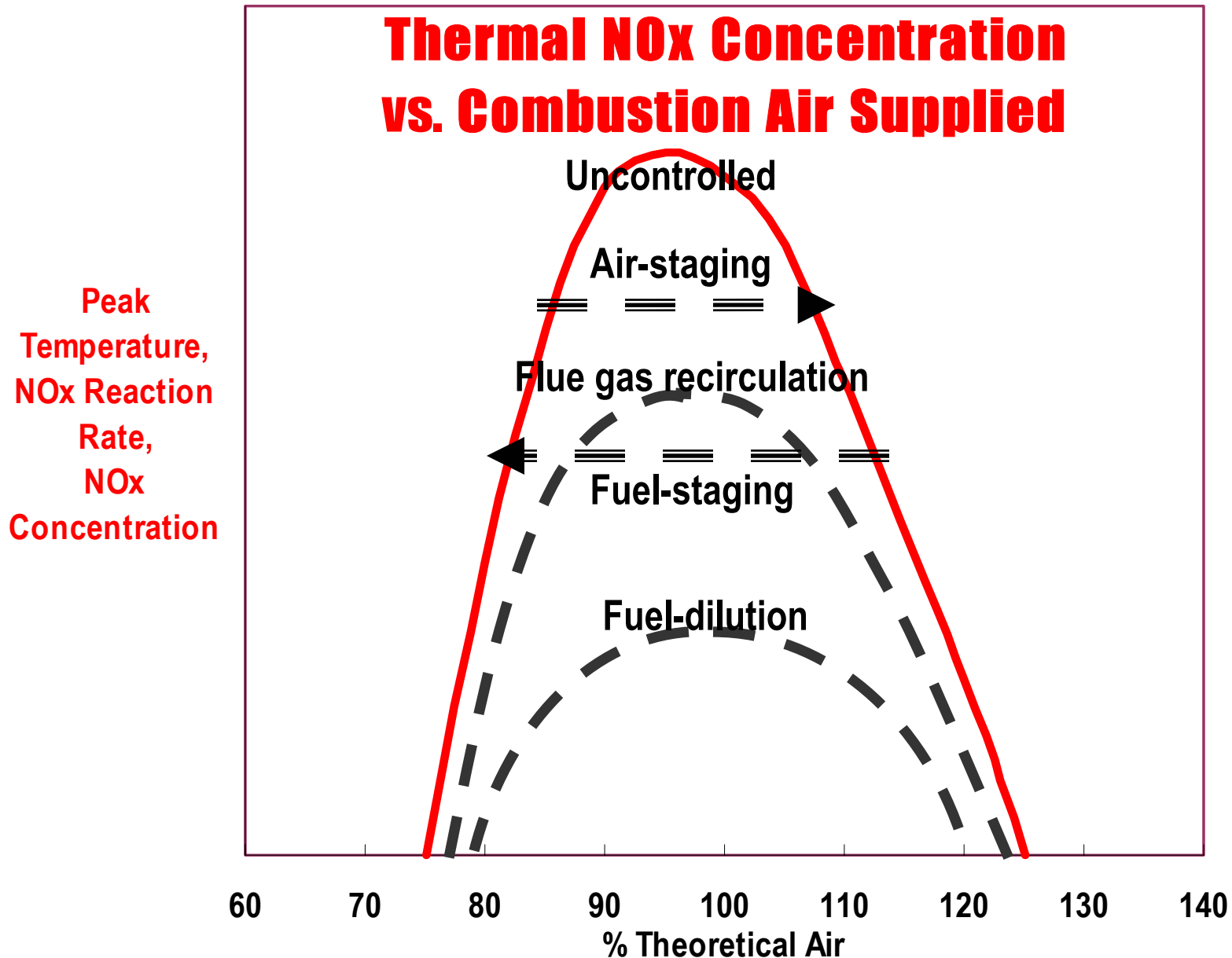




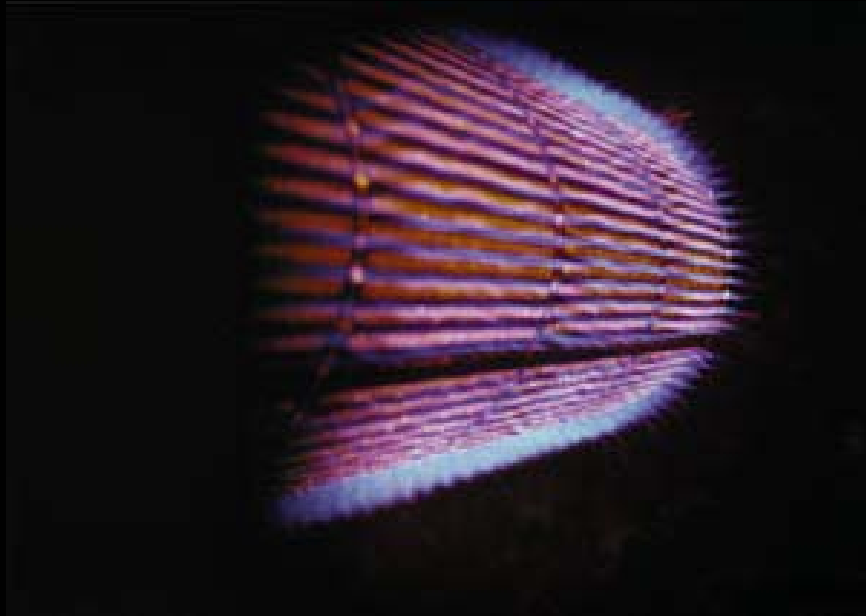
# Perception of Difficulty vs. Understanding



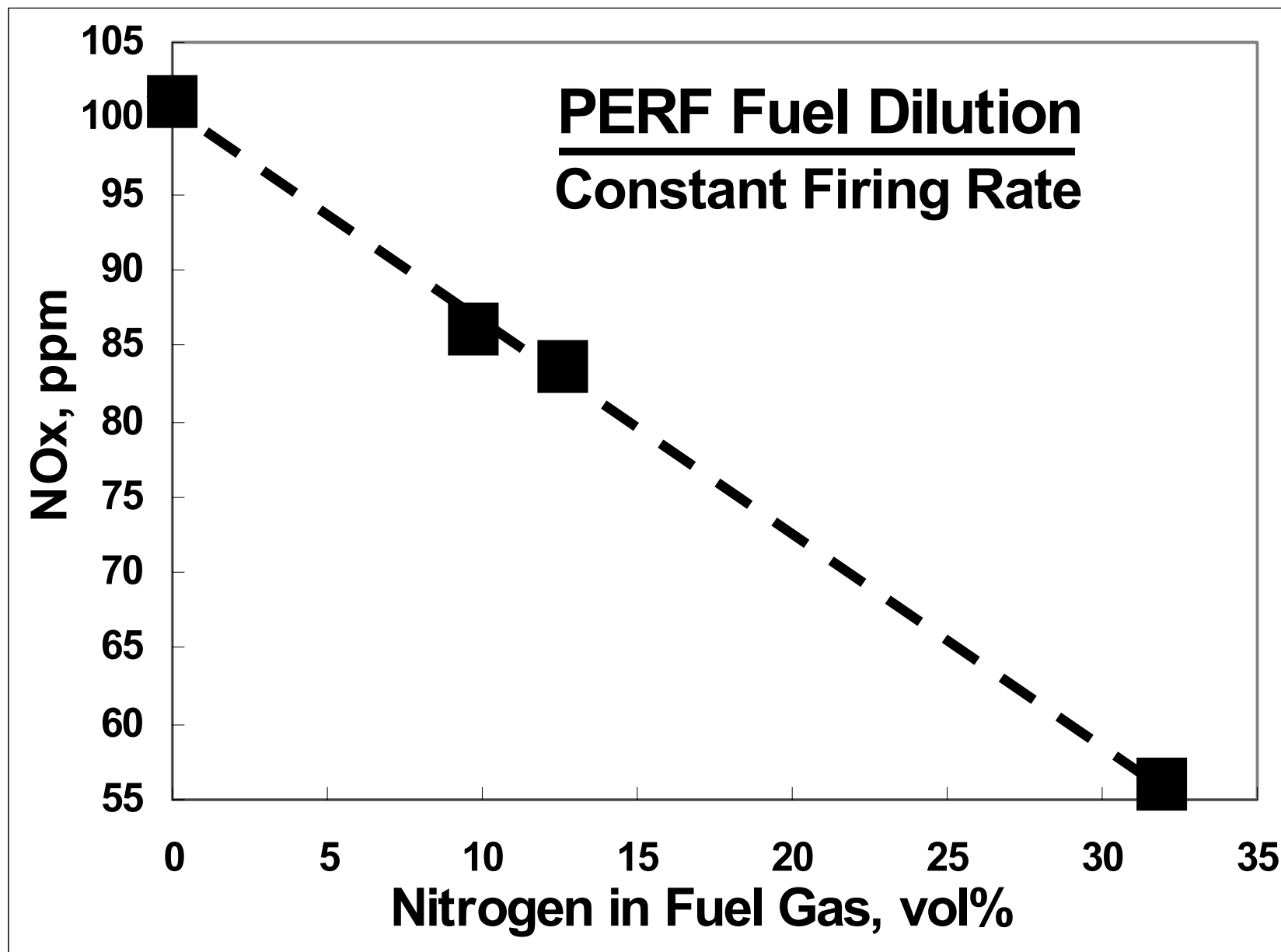
# Lots of ways to skin a cat?





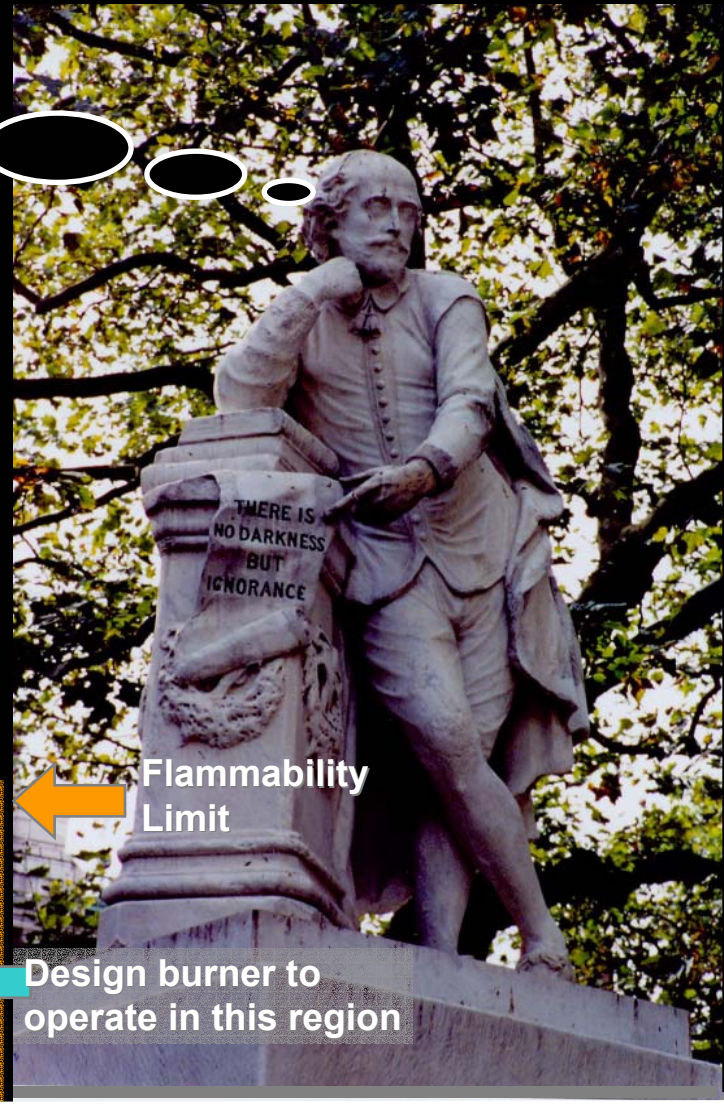
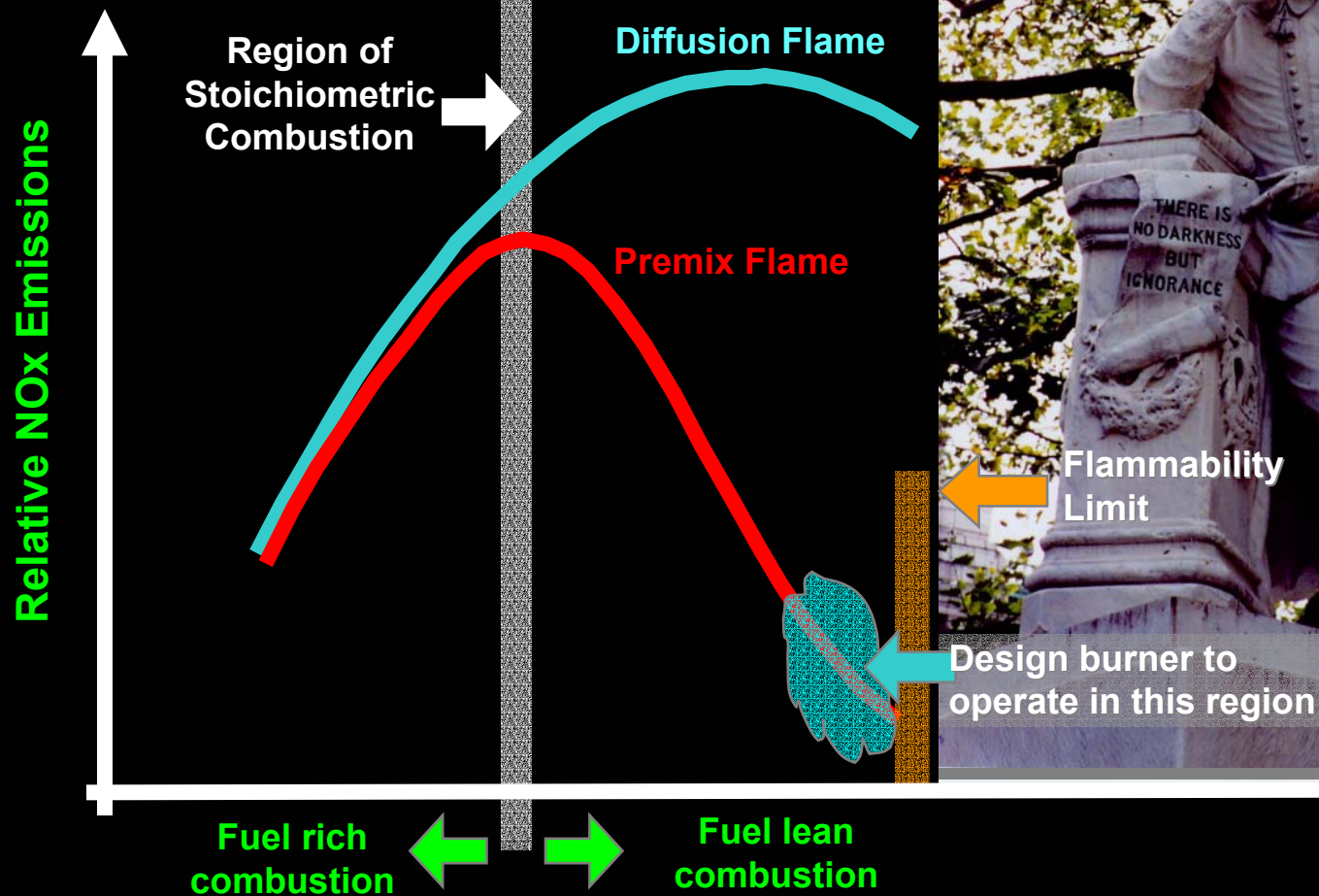


**Not really ... it's all about making a low-Btu fuel!**



# ULTRA LEAN PREMIX

The Trick?  
Deep penetration into the  
low-Btu regime whilst  
maintaining flame  
stability!





# Air as the Diluent

John Zink LPM 305F

## Lean PreMix Burner in the Test Furnace

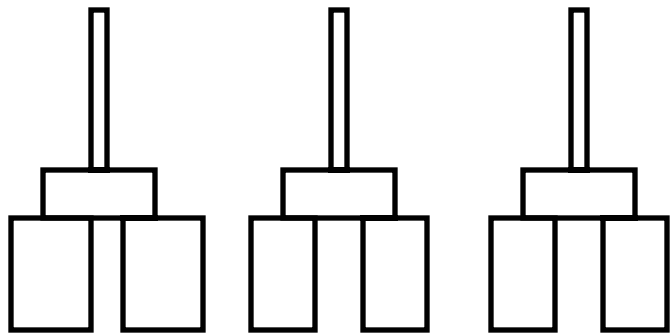


### Fuel

**1,440 Btu/scf** (27% H<sub>2</sub>)  
**810 Btu/scf** (65% H<sub>2</sub>)

### NOx

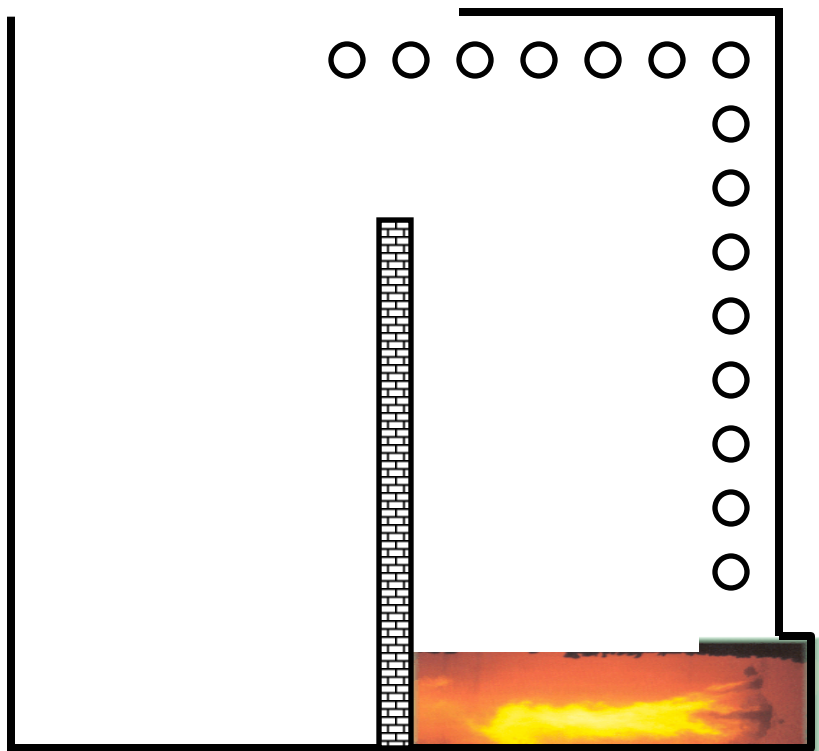
**9 ppm** (@ 3% O<sub>2</sub>, 1700°F)  
**10 ppm** (@ 3% O<sub>2</sub>, 1700°F)



# Chevron Richmond

## #4 Crude Unit

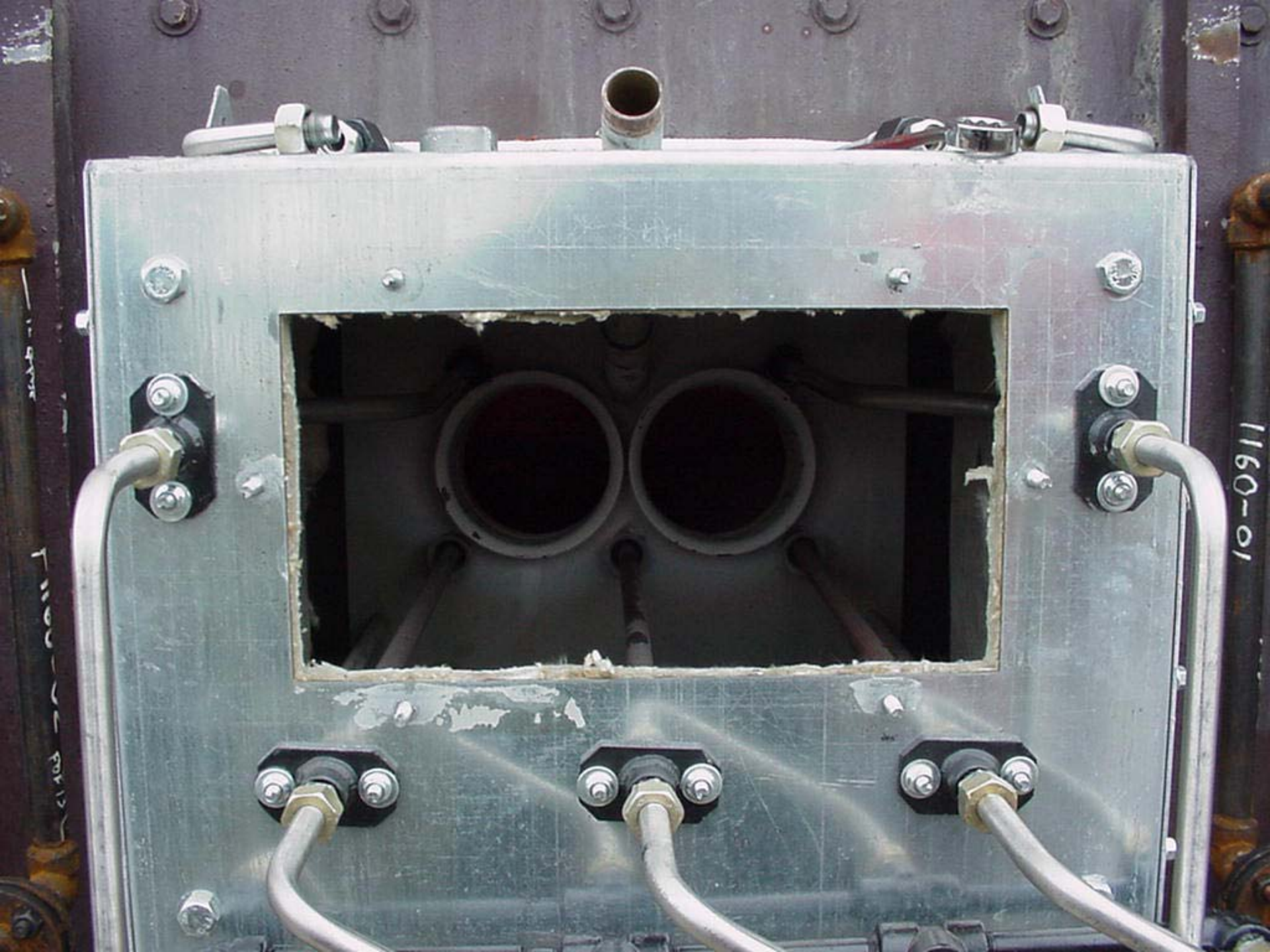
### Ultra<sup>2</sup> Low NOx Burner Retrofit

























# SCR Reduction (92%) at a Burner Price!

*For process heating you DON'T need a selective catalytic reduction flue gas treatment plant but you really DO need burners so why not super-low NOx burners?*



Before 180 ppm



After 15 ppm





**3 Cell Terrace Wall Furnace**

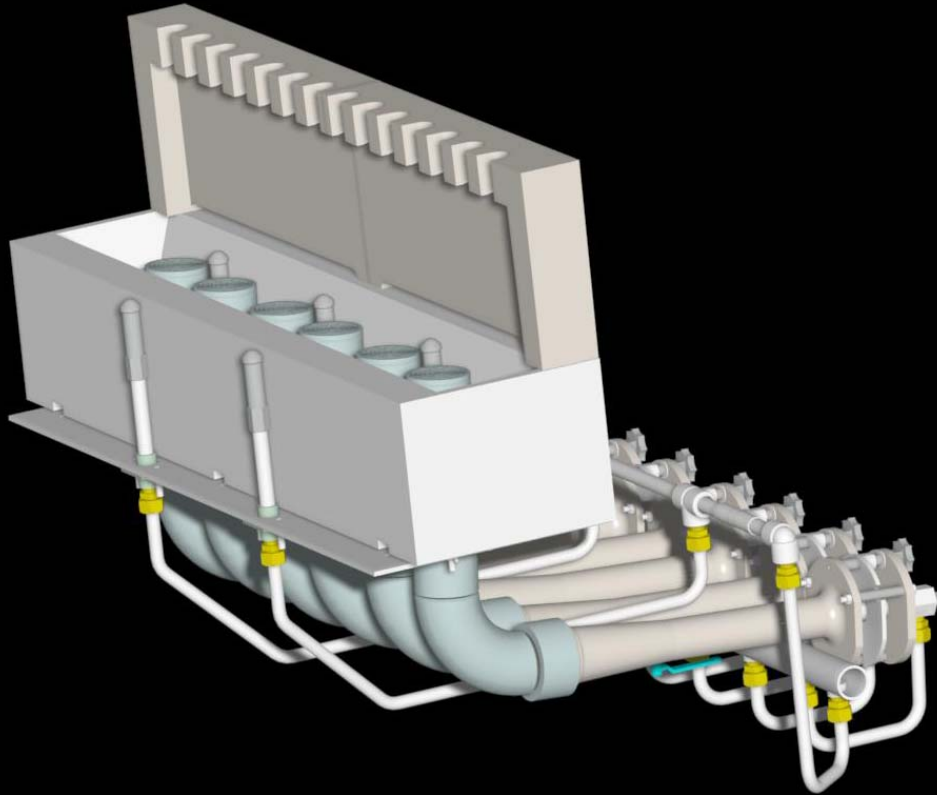
**22 8 Burners**

**250 MW total input**

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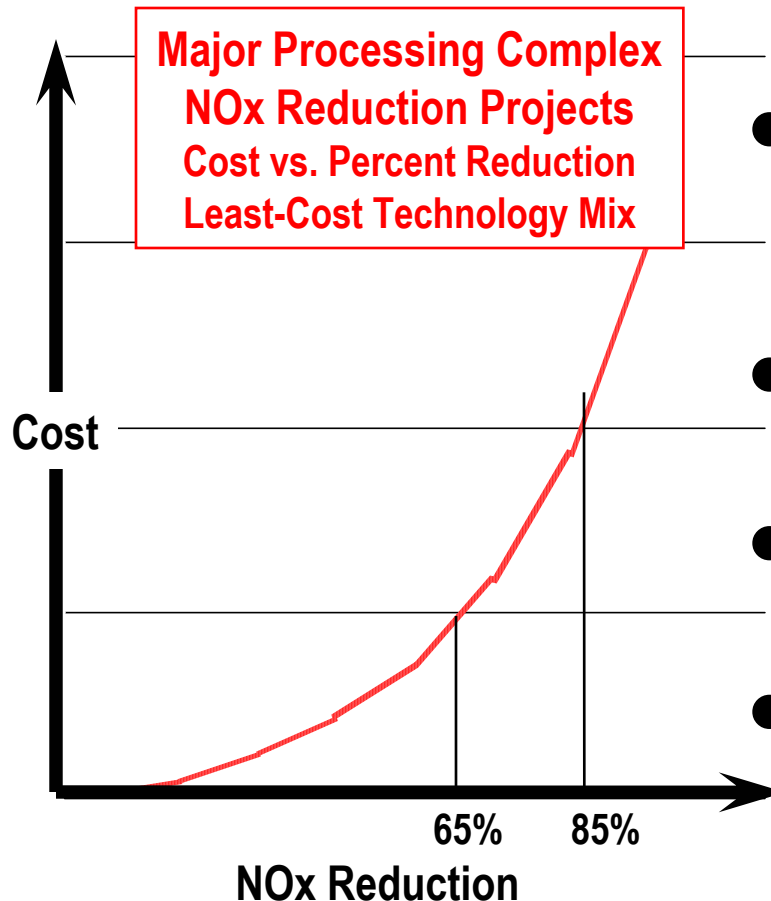
# John Zink LeanPreMix LPM 304F



**Test Furnace: 12 ppm**  
**Field Application: <15 ppm**  
**Original Burner: ~150 ppm**

# NOx Reduction Retrofits

## Cost Impact of Reduction Mandates



- Shape of curve confirmed in every capital project we have either done or studied
- Significant difference between 65% and 85%
- That kind of difference roughly **DOUBLES** the cost
- Paying public & stockholders like the lower cost better



# OK, here's the deal ...



**On a big furnace or string of  
furnaces breached together:**

	<b>Burners</b>	<b>SCR</b>
<b>CapEx</b>	~\$6-million	~\$16-million
<b>OpEx</b>	0	~\$700-900,000/yr ~\$1.4-1.6 million/yr
<b>Excess O<sub>2</sub></b>	2% (~\$350,000/yr)	6%

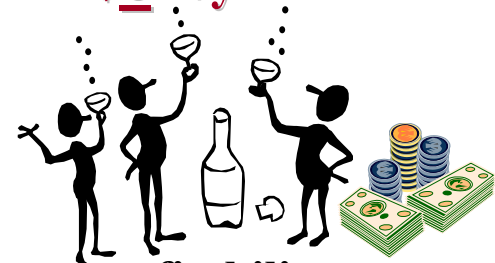
# Chevron Richmond NOx Project — Huge Savings by Inspiring & Supporting the Development of Extremely Low-NOx Burners

**No SCR at the boiler house! ..... ~\$10m ~\$2m/yr**

**No SCR at crude unit F1100/F1160! ... ~\$10m ~\$2m/yr**

**No SCR at hydrogen reformer F355! ...**    **~\$10m**    **~\$2m/yr**  
    **~\$30m**    **~\$6m/yr**

- ☺ Intense collaboration with burner suppliers
- ☺ 32 vacuum cell burners installed *on-the-run*
  - ➡ Favorable margins — *NO* shutdown contributed to refinery profitability
- ☺ Synergy with Chevron Phillips Chemical Co's NOx Project
- ☺ "EYE" thrust upgrades Energy (*↓ fuel use*), Yield (*↑ feed rate and run length*) and Environmental (*↓ emissions*) performance!



A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and a hammock. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and sky. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The palm trees are silhouetted against the bright sky. A hammock is strung between two palm trees, and a person is lying in it, looking out at the ocean. The overall mood is peaceful and relaxing.

**Questions?**